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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/8/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hobbs (U.S. 5,987,454).

As per claim 1, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus comprising: a push type information interface for inputting push type information provided from a push type information distribution medium (column 4, lines 20-34); a pull type information interface for inputting pull type information and summaries of the pull type information from a pull type information distribution medium, said push type information and said pull type information having different formats (column 6, lines 36-64); summary extraction means for extracting summaries from said respective inputted push type information; summary storage means for storing said extracted summaries; search condition input means for inputting search conditions; summary download means for downloading summaries of pull type information satisfying said search conditions through said pull type information interface, wherein the summaries extracted from said respective inputted push type information and the summaries of pull type information

downloaded by said summary download means are described in a predetermined common format (column 23, line 61 – column 24, line 12; where the summaries are returned in a text format); summary search means for searching summaries satisfying said search conditions from the summaries already registered in said summary storage means; and summary list display means for displaying a list of said searched summaries and the summaries satisfying said search conditions and downloaded from the pull type information distribution medium (column 6, lines 36-64; column 23, line 61 – column 24, line 12; where the user searches for information, which results in the return of results with summaries, in the form of a list).

As per claim 2, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 1, comprising: information storage means for storing the push type information downloaded from said push type information distribution medium (column 6, lines 36-64; column 23, line 61 – column 24, line 12); summary designation means for designating one of the summaries displayed on the list; information download means for downloading information corresponding to said designated summary (column 6, lines 36-64; column 23, line 61 – column 24, line 12); and display control means for displaying said downloaded information in a unique form corresponding to a format of the information, wherein if the information corresponding to said designated summary is the information already registered in said information storage means, said information download means downloads the registered information, and if the information corresponding to said designated summary is unregistered pull type information, said information download means downloads the unregistered pull type information from the pull type information distribution medium through said pull type information interface (column 6, lines 36-64; column 9, lines 22-29; column 23, line 61 – column 24, line 12; where the

information can be downloaded from the registered Lexis/Nexis database, or from anywhere else).

As per claim 3, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the pull type information downloaded by said information download means is stored in said information storage means (column 6, lines 36-64).

As per claim 4, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said push type information distribution medium is broadcasting (column 6, lines 36-64).

As per claim 5, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pull type information distribution medium is at least one of an information providing service utilizing a public line, Internet, and a disk medium (Abstract).

As per claim 6, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when accessing an information for which an operator is charged for download of said information or summaries, whether to admit or reject the download of the information is inquired in advance (column 2, lines 13-23; column 18, lines 49-67).

As per claim 7, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein if access to the charged information is rejected, information from a medium free of charge is set as a search target (column 13, lines 13-40; where the non-payment of the fee results in the download of other free information).

As per claim 8, Hobbs teaches an information search and display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in displaying list of said summaries, a list of only the important parts of the respective summaries is displayed (column 23, line 61 – column 24, line 12).

Response to Arguments

Applicants arguments filed on August 18, 2005 have fully been considered and have respectfully been traversed by the new grounds of rejection.

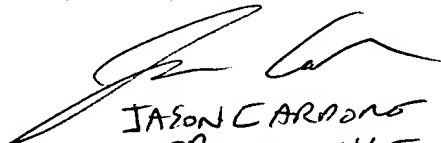
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tanim Hossain whose telephone number is 571/272-3881. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on 571/272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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